	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Notice of Allowability	10/671,331	WEIMER ET AL.	
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	Marc E. Norman	3744	
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment filed 20 August 2004</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1,2,4-10 and 12-26</u> .			
3. A The drawings filed on 20 August 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.			
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Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	5. Notice of Informal P 6. Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 7. Examiner's Amendr 8. Examiner's Stateme 9. Other	(PTO-413), te ment/Comment	,

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kimberly Baxter on 14 September 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 5, line 1, "11" has been replaced with -- 1 --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per independent claims 1 and 9, Adams et al. does not teach the sensor being a pressure sensor.

As per independent claims 15 and 22, the combination of Adams et al. and Flanders does not teach the individual monitoring of each of the plurality of appliances, as recited in the amended claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc E. Norman whose telephone number is 703-305-2711. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 8:00-5:30, with first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Esquivel can be reached on 703-308-2597. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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